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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Geography Division, ORR

Project Initiation Memorandum

Project Nos. See below

15 October 1962

1. Subject of Proposed Project: Paramilitary Capabilities of Selected Ethnic Groups.
2. Statement of Problem: To provide basic description and evaluation of paramilitary potential of the following ethnic groups:

25X1C 62.2063 [REDACTED] Due 15 November.
61.2064 [REDACTED] Due 15 November.
61.2065 [REDACTED] Due 1 December.

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3. Requester: [REDACTED] (see attached).

4. Responsible Analysts: [REDACTED]

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5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired:
 - a. Other Divisions of the G Area: Simple locational maps only.
 - b. Other Parts of CIA: CIA Library and other service components of the Agency

6. Estimated Manhours in D/GG: CG/N - 125 hours
CG/F - 175 hours

7. Probable Form of Final Publication: CIA/RR GP Limited (probably one per group).

8. Comments: These projects constitute a followup to CIA/RR GP 62-106AL, Minority Groups for Potential Paramilitary Exploitation in Specified Critical Areas.

This project to be included in the list of projects of significance for consideration by the Policy and Action Group.

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[REDACTED]
Chief, Geography Division

Approved:

Chief, Geographic Research

Date

Assistant Director, ORR

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Requirement for Intelligence Support

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1. In accordance with the directive of the Special Group (Counterinsurgency), CIA, along with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has been directed to conduct a study on the paramilitary capabilities of selected minority groups.

2. [REDACTED] has accordingly been requested to provide such studies on the following minority groups in the following countries:

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b.

c.

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3. [REDACTED] is requesting the Geography Division/ORR to assume responsibilities for the above studies. Completion dates on this work should be as follows:

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a. The detailed studies on the groups [REDACTED] to be completed by 15 November 1962.

b. The study on [REDACTED] to be completed by 1 December 1962.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Subject: Intelligence Studies: Request for

References: a. NSAM 1962
b. SecDef Memo of 10 July 1962
c. CIA/RR GP 62-186:L of July 1962

1. Reference a, proposed by the Special Group (Counterinsurgency) and approved by the President, directs CIA and DOD to make studies on selective groups where there is reason to believe that there exists an exploitable minority paramilitary capability. By reference b, the Joint Chiefs of Staff were assigned Department of Defense responsibility in this undertaking.

2. Reference c identifies such minorities in the following countries now under cognizance of the Special Group (CI): [REDACTED] 25X1C

25X1C [REDACTED] The sections of this publication, dealing with [REDACTED] under the cognizance of the Special Group (CI), does not identify specific groups which could be used in a paramilitary role; the study does identify minorities with a paramilitary capability [REDACTED] although these countries are no longer under the cognizance of the Special Group (CI). 25X1C

3. The following groups, agreed to by CIA, have been selected for detailed study: [REDACTED] 25X1C

[REDACTED] As a guide to the desired scope, certain questions have been posed in the enclosure which is a proposed format, coordinated with CIA, for the studies. 25X1C

5. It is requested that detailed studies on the groups [REDACTED] be conducted and completed by 15 November 1962. 25X1C

6. In the event that a complete report cannot be provided by this date an interim report is desired. It is requested that the study [REDACTED] be completed 1 December 1962. 25X1C

7. [REDACTED] be re-examined for the purpose of identifying minorities with an exploitable paramilitary capability. 25X1C

8. It would be desirable to include information on tribal elements in contiguous countries, [REDACTED] If this overly complicates the problem, it may be omitted.

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